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1. FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE REFTEL:

(A) HEROIN IS A MAJOR DRUG OF ABUSE IN SWEDEN. DURING PAST YEAR THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN HEROIN ENTERING COUNTRY. OFFICIAL SOURCES ROUGHTLY ESTIMATE 2,000-2,500 REGULAR HEROIN USERS, ABOUT HALF IN STOCKHOLM AND OTHER HALF SCATTERED AMONG SMALL INDUSTRIAL CITIES EXTENDING TO SOUTHERN SWEDEN AND CENTERED IN MALMO-LUND-HELSINGBORG AREA

(B) THERE IS SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION REGARDING DRUG ABUSE TRENDS. HOWEVER, BEST INFORMED OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT, WHILE TOTAL NUMBER OF DRUG ABUSERS HAS REMAINED FAIRLY STABLE DURING 1976, THERE HAS BEEN WITHIN THAT POPULATION A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN USAGE FROM AMPHETAMINES TO HEROIN BECAUSE LATTER HAS BECOME MORE READILY AVAILABLE.

(C) DRUG RELATED ARRESTS : 1975 - 2,602; 1976 - 2,401

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(D) SEIZURES:

1975 HASHISH - 268.8 KILOS
CANNABIS OIL - 205.6 GRAMS
OPIUM - 57 GRAMS
HEROIN - 7.9 GRAMS
AMPHETAMIOES - 39.6 KILOS AND 32,000 TABLETS
FENMETRALINE - 234 GRAMS AND 1,907 TABLETS

MORPHINE BASE - 79.5 GRAMS
OTHER MORPHINE PREPARATIONS - 54 GRAMS
LSD - 350 GRAMS AND 20 TABLETS
COCAINE PA 0.5 GRAMS

1976 HASHISH - 319.7 KILOS
OPIUM - 363 GRAMS
MORPHINE BASE - 130.6 GRAMS AND 9,100 TABLETS
OTHER MORPHINE PREPARATIONS - 14 GRAMS
HEROIN - 16.7 KILOS
AMPHETAMINES - 99 KILOS AND 3,225 TABLETS
FENMETRALINE - 46.5 KILOS AND 570 TABLETS
LSD - 12 GRAMS AND 121 TABLETS
COCAINE - 261 GRAMS.

(E) RESPONSE TO INCREASED FLOW OF HEROIN BECAME EVIDENT
IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. POLICE ANNOUNCED LARGE COUNTRY-
WIDE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF INVESTIGATORS ASSIGNED TO NARCOTICS.
NEW GOVERNMENT BUDGET ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL FUNDS
FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

2. COMMENT: FOR OTHER DETAILS ON SWEDISH DRUG ABUSE
SITUATION, SEE STOCKHOLM A-12, JANUARY 21, 1977.
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